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For two months we've been away from the strain of getting out a stamp paper. We really kept away from it outside of answering correspondence and recording and caring for such matters of immediate concern as the mail brought to us nearly every day. The freedom from more strenuous affairs was thoroughly enjoyed—the first such long-time freedom in years.

We didn't make it an excuse to canvass the trade for ads nor collectors for subscriptions. They, too, are entitled to holidays and freedom from pressure from us.

Now, September is here and a new stamp season before us. There may be some regrets that the holidays are over but I hazard that all of us are getting stamp conscious again as the evenings grow longer and cooler.

Our mail speeded up toward the end of August. Most of our advertisers came in with new offerings. Our contributors sent in their articles and items. Thanks to the many who added a note hoping we enjoyed our holidays.

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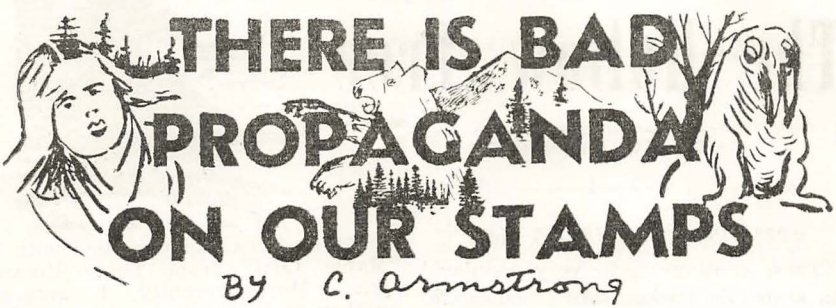


There are still people coming into Canada in the summer wearing fur coats, even with snow shoes and guns for protection from wild animals. After they are here a short distance they sheepishly hide these things. That condition exists today the same as years ago.

Recently I met a new arrival from Holland who was surprised there were roads in Canada. Roads. That was a new one. I suppose he expected only a track through the woods.

We look on it as a joke but can't help and wonder what education these people had.

The movies are the worst offenders in spreading adverse propaganda about Canada. Always it's snow and blizzards, pioneering and hardships, wild animals or horror pictures.

Our government spreads the same propaganda with our stamps, which go all over the world, showing so many pictures of trees, woods, mountains and mountain sheep, polar bears and icebergs, furs, totem poles, old fashioned spinning wheels, etc.

Some of these stamps might be pretty but the important thing is to show modern civilized subjects so the world will know that wild animals are not the only things that exist here.

I wonder how many Canadians ever saw a walrus even in a zoo.

A friend suggested a set of the parliament buildings of each province. This would be educational but for goodness sake don't show any mountains or furs or forests or lakes or fish or birds or spinning wheels, icebergs, bears, etc. We had the aeroplane and a war issue showing modern machinery but that is only a drop in the bucket.

A modern method of printing is overdue. There are firms all over Canada who could produce beautiful stamps by offset or roto-gravure instead of the present antiquated process.

Everybody has an idea for a stamp. My favorite would be a set of the cities of Canada and only showing the sky-line. No harbors or mountains or trees or sheep or goats or ground hogs or furs or lakes or spinning wheels, etc.

Some countries have animals on their stamps but they haven't the bad propaganda to contend with like we have.

Lately there has been criticism of so much royalty on our stamps and not enough pictures of Canadians.

One encyclopedia describes the beaver as being the largest rodent in America, well who in h..... wants to be represented by a rat even if it is historical.

So cut out the beaver and "royalty" and the numerous stamps that spread bad propaganda by showing so many pictures of trees, mountains and mountain sheep, forests, icebergs, furs and bears, spinning wheel, totem poles, etc. There are lots of subjects that could be used instead of those things. As we have bad designs and poor printing maybe it could be compensated by having a good perforation job so we can have horizontal and vertical pairs imperf between and tete-beche, like the Christmas seals of 1939.

Heckling voter: "Aw shut up. I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter."

Angry candidate: "If I were St. Peter you couldn't vote for me. You wouldn't be in my constituency."

The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

#228—Perf. "OHMS"—5 Hole

These continue to be very popular. As stated in packet #109, "more of these will come out of hiding as time goes on." I have personally seen practically every regular postage, commemorative, special, and airmail stamp from the 1c green of 1912 (Scotts #104) to and including the 1937-38 issues with the 5 hole type perforation. I personally believe that every variety will eventually show up with the exception of the coil stamps, the 1924 imperforates and the 1926 surcharges.

As reported in packet #142, it is even possible that some coils will turn up.

After being dropped from his catalog for some time, Jim Sissons has them back in again. This will create new interest.

Within the past two years some very large and unusual holdings have "come out of hiding," including blocks of four.

I have never tried to do much with these, but in spite of not trying too hard, I have managed to get together approximately 95 varieties of these 5-holers.

#229—"Maple Leaf" Cancels

While I've mentioned "crown" cancels several times, and although they are among the most popular of Canadian cancels, the ones I like and to me are truly Canadian, are the "Maple Leaf" cancels.

According to Boggs, "at least fifteen types are known, mostly from Toronto, but also from Montreal, and several small cities." Of course this refers to all leaf cancels, not just those which might by some stretching of the imagination be called "Maple Leaves."

Years ago I picked up a nice one used to cancel a 1c orange small queen, on cover from Sherbrooke, P.Q. At the same time, in the same lot, I got a cover franked with two 3c Indian Reds and cancelled with a "Maple Leaf" from Three Rivers, Que. More recently I secured another 3c Indian Red on cover with another type "Maple Leaf" from Orangeville, Ont.

This type cancel was used in some post office for quite some time, the latest issue I have is a 2c Edward with a fine "Maple Leaf" cancel,—thus denoting that the full period of use must have been at least 33 years.

I have seen many representative showings of "Crown" cancels, but have yet to see a good collection exhibited of "Maple Leaves."

#230—Map Stamp Shades—#85-86

Just why does Scott list two shades of this stamp? They list "levender" and the "blue" shade,—as major varieties. Definitely all color differences were unintentional. The post office department reports only the total printed and delivered. Holmes more correctly, lists one major variety with four shades. Jarrett recognized all four shades. There are four distinct shades. Why doesn't Scott list them all, or combine and list one major variety, with the others as sub-varieties?

The known shades are:

Bright Lavender (Scotts #85)
Pale dull Lavender
Deep Blue (Scotts #86)
Pale Greenish-blue

One suggestion,—if you are going to collect these shades, collect in blocks, the shades stand out more markedly, and effectively. The four blocks make a nice page in any album.

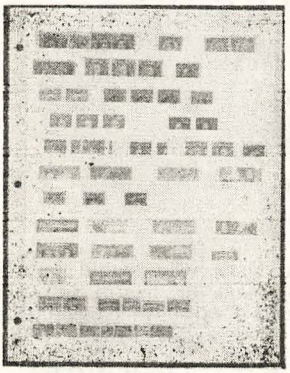
#231—3 Pence Perforated

Every once in a while a faked copy of the 3 pence perforated (Scotts #12) comes along. Most of the time the perforation gauge is wrong. The correct gauge is 11¾. Usually the fakes are perfed 12 or 12¼. However I came across one recently that is perfed 11¾. I mentioned this to

point out that one must check more than just the perforations to make certain one has the right stamp.

In the first place, if possible compare the unknown with a copy known to be genuine. The shade is distinctly different from that of the 3d imperforates. It is more like the 5c beaver early printings. In the fake at hand this was the best test.

Next check the paper,—if it is anything but the hard medium machine made wove, it's wrong. In other words no legitimate copies of #12 exist on thin, thin oily, ribbed, or other varieties of the early hand-made papers. This fake was on thin paper.



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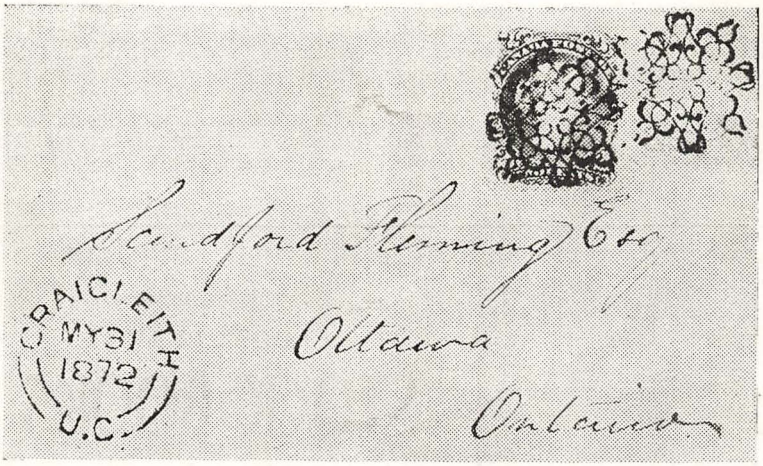

UNUSUL CANCELLATION

Above is shown an unusual cancellation which we saw this summer in the collection of an Ottawa reader. We do not think is is listed in any catalog that we know of. It looks like the filigree work often seen on old watch cases or pieces of jewelry but we don't see how such could be reproduced from them as a postmark.

Noticeable in the design is two double 'S's" back to back in the four compas directions of north, east, south and west, and which can readily be seen on the right hand stamp in above illustration.

The envelope is addressed to the father of Canadian Philately "Sanford Fleming, Esq., Ottawa, Ontario" and was mailed at Craigleith My 31. 1872. U.C. It was received at Ottawa June 1. 72. The stamps which are on the envelope are fine copies of Scott's No. 24 and No. 35. Unfortunately in the above cut because of the process used in making, the stamps are almost undefinable. But it is the manner in which these stamps were cancelled which is most intriguing. The cut does bring out the cancellation to a sufficient extent so that if anyone has seen such a cancellation or has one like it perhaps something can be learned as to what process was used in the making of it. Certainly it was not a cork cancellation.

The owner of this particular cover is O. W. Liberty, 309 Lincoln Ave., Ottawa, Ont., who would appreciate any comment or useful information about this Craigleith cancellation.

T. S. C. CLUB NOTES

The Annual Competition for the Walter S. Bayley Sideline Trophy was held by the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club on Thursday evening June 17th in their room at the Royal York Hotel. There was keen competition. The nine entries showed much thought and effort by their owners.

Entries were as follows:

1. Collection of Bayleyana, by L. A. Davenport.
2. Volumn of Philatelic Oddities, V. G. Greene.
3. Exhibition Seals, Fred Jarrett.
4. Map Stamps, Chas. F. Foster.
5. Paper Weights, J. E. A. Smith.
6. Target & Cork Cancellations, R. J. Woolley.
7. Maxmum Cards, James D. Smart.
8. U.S. Precancels, Arthur Guess.
9. Flowers, C. H. Fee.

Judging was done by the members who entered the number of their choice on slips of paper which were counted by the scrutineers. James D. Smart was the lucky winner with J. E. A. Smith a close second. Both Mr. Smart and Mr. Smith gave short talks on their entries. This year's competition was perhaps the most successful of any of the past eight years.

NAPOOPOO

With no frivolity intended, I will be visiting this town on September 20th. It is not in Indo-China but a small port on the East Coast of the main island of Hawaii. My trip will also include Oahu Maui, and Kauai plus a few of the small islands. This constant travelling has arisen out of a firm conviction on my part that there is no other method of ensuring a study supply of fine and scarce material to constantly augment my stock.

More on the "East versus West" discussion in my previous article. In my June advertisement I attempted to explain the reason for the high prices existing in the East for superb Canada. If you have ever sorted an unpicked lot of 5c Beavers you will appreciate how few are really superb. The ones that do fall into this category are much sought after by many mature collectors and this naturally forces the price up. The catalogue refers to standard list grade so large premiums are naturally in order as long as the high demand exists. With no slight to the West intended, the East IS THE MARKET, both in Canada and the U.S.A. Unfortunately what has frequently happenned is that many advanced and knowledgable Western specialists have had the opportunity of buying fine material for a fraction of its value from an uninformed selling market. In general, the possibility of doing this has long since disappeared in the East, as it is tending to disappear also in the West.

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Letters to the Editor

IN DEFENCE OF FOREIGN

Dear Mr. McCready,

I am writing this letter in relation to an article which appeared in the May issue of Popular Stamps entitled "Rambling Gossip" by "Mufti". The last section of this article deals with an article I had written which appeared in the March issue of the "Canadian Philatelist".

Most certainly I do not claim that my article was well written, or the arguments therein well set forth. However, I most emphatically feel that Mufti's rebuttal does not answer one salient point I put forward.

1. "While it must be admitted that some delightful and colourful issues are put out by these countries . . . . .". I feel that there are many Canadian issues which could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be termed either delightful or colourful. However, this is strictly beside the point. Beauty is one important factor in collecting the stamps of a country, but most of the truly great specialists would not have formed their collections if this had been the sole motivation. In my article I was not upholding the pictorial issues of Mozambique.

2. ". . . . . there is however a very good reason for the lack in popularity for them here in Canada, which is perfectly plain to most of us." I am not at all convinced that it is "perfectly plain" and who constitutes "most of us". To save space let us assume that these facts are so self-evident to make further definition useless. Unhappily "most of us" are immature collectors, such as existed in the U.S.A. fifty years ago. In that country there is now a surging interest in foreign stamps, both classic and modern (pictorials of Mozambique). This is an evolutionary process which has long since occurred in Europe.

3. "The claim made about selling mature material in a mature foreign market such as exists in Europe is all very well, but who wants the expense and uncertainty of merchandising material in this manner". I do not feel that the expense is a very important point as the seamail rates to Europe are not really excessive. Regarding "uncertainty" this is a point which seems to loom large. but if one has a good collection of a foreign group one has naturally made the connections so that selling is no problem whatsoever. A gentleman in Ottawa with an exceptional collection of Spain, who is known to many of you, could sell this property without any trouble to a dozen people.

4. '. . . . .it is well known few dealers here welcome foreign collections except at a pitiful small percentage . . . ". True, as agreed in my article. This works both ways as the dealers sell this material cheaply, too. In any case this is no reason not to collect something.

5. Mufti apparently assumes that by foreign I mean non-British Commonwealth stamps. Actually, without being unpatriotic to the Empire, I meant all non-BNA, as explained in the first paragraph of the article. In my sense, the lack of interest in British Colonial issues is just about as great as in true "foreign"'. I will agree that there is a mature interest in British Colonials in Canada when Hong Kong Treaty Port cancellations are collected as they are in England and in the U.S.A.

6. "While it is true that the drop in sterling has helped collectors acquire fine accumulations of Empire issues, the same drop in foreign money has no doubt seriously affected caltalogue values for European issues". I would definitely argue the validity of the last statement in particuler. Also I question that the first is entirely true. Temporary war conditions in some countries caused a lapse in the buying power of collectors in those countries, as would be the case if Canada were invaded. Catalog values do not mean too much as "good" issues, eithe modern or classic, reach a price level independant of artificial figures.

7. "Mufti" would be an extremely poor business man if he turned down twelve 700 Reis Brazil for one 17c 1859 Canada. He could put the twelve copies in the worst New York auction of the year and still get $50.00! Nor can he claim that the mercenary

angle is of no interest after his previous remarks. He could send the same twelve copies to Switzerland and easily get $120.00.—Robert W. Lyman.

COIL JUMPS UPWARD

Brisbane, Qld., Aus., Aug. 15, 1954
Dear Mr. Mc Cready,

No doubt some of your Canadian readers will have replied to Mr. Lloyd R. Day on the question of "Canadian Coil Varieties" published in "Popular Stamps" of June 1954.

But so often we leave things to the other chap, who so frequently doesn't react as we expect.

Mr. Day says:—"the mis-aligned stamp is always downwards. I have not seen or heard of a single instance where it was mis-aligned upwards."

Have checked through all my coil strips and I have found three instances where the mis-alignment is upwards instead of the more usual downwards. They are Scott's 239 2c brown, 284 1c corrected and 296 3c unrevised.— Chas. O. Dunn.

REPORTS JUMP-UP COIL

Kitchener, Ont., July 26, 1954.
Editor Popular Stamps,

Have been much interested in articles in P.S. re the "jumps" in the Canadian coil stamps.

In the June issue Mr. Lloyd R. Day makes a statement which is incorrect when he states the mis-alignment is always downwards, speaking I believe of the last 2c of Geo. VI Scott's 305.

I have a strip of 5 showing the mis-alignment downward and a strip of 4 showing it upward. I cannot say whether both strips came from the same roll or not, but it does refute Mr. Day's statement the "jump" is always downward.—J. S. Martin.

HAS COLOR VARIETY

RR 1, Abbotsford, July 14, '54.
Dear Mr. McCready,

A sheet of the Canada 1c No. 325 violet brown came to the above post office in a light chocolate colour, and I was fortunate to secure a block of four, the balance being sold for postage. The lower two stamps have numerous hairlines across from side to side. I would be much interested to hear if some of your readers have some of this variety, not a new shade but a new colour.—Wm. C. Stanley.

RE PL. 4 of 3c Q.E. 1953 DESIGN

The enclosed letter from the Philatelic Section at Ottawa explains a mystery which is puzzling plate block collectors at this time.

16 August 1954
Dear Mr. MacMillan,

As a result of your letter of the 1st August, I have enquired about the circumstances regarding plate No. 4 of the 3c H.M. Queen Elizabeth 1953 design. I have learned that the run of stamps printed from this plate was normal and quantities of this item will appear in the future.

The Philatelic Section of this Branch has rather limited vault accommodation and may only retain comparatively small quantities of stamps of different positions of different plates for sale to collectors. It was known that examples of the 3c stamp printed from plate 4 were in stock in May, 1954. At this time, however, accommodation had to be provided for examples of all positions of the stamps printed from two plates for each of the six denominations of the H.M. Queen Elizabeth 1954 design.

The shortage of the item in question throughout Post Offices may be explained by the change in postal rates that occurred effective the 1st April. The demand for 3c postage stamps decreased materially and there remains in our stocks large quantities that will not be distributed for sale for several months. I am confident however, that the 3c H.M. Queen Elizabeth 1953 design stamps printed from plate No. 4 will be readily obtainable at a future date.

U.S.I.R. INFORMATION WANTED

To date we have received 68 filled out questionaires from persons locating copies of the USIR Dollar Error. Cancellations of towns, states and dates are of special interest on used stamps. Pl. Nos. on the mints are needed. All U.S. collectors will be interested in this information and we will pass on our summary of findings thru this publication at a later date. Questionaires may be obtained from Alfred G. Boerger—1851 Brame Pl., Toledo 13, Ohio.

Those Squared Circles

To the Editor, Popular Stamps:

Dear Sir:

I was glad to see the article "CANADA'S SQUARED CIRCLE CANCEL" by C. B. D. Garrett in your June number. It is one more sign of the great interest being taken in this handsome group. I believe the privilege fell to me to draw attention to this type, in an article published in TOPICS, Dec., 1951. In that article, the result of many years study, I was able to list 221 towns using Type 2, with thick bars (Jarrett's 373). This should have been 222 towns, for Iroquois, Ont. (not a rarity) was inadvertently omitted. Many correspondents have since contributed much information, and the list now stands at 278. In addition, Boggs' list for Type 1, with thin lines (Jarrett's 372) gives 25 towns (one or two of these are questioned with some grounds by some of my correspondents). This brings the grand total to 303 different Canadian Squared Circles. It will be readily seen that a wide field is offered for accumulation and research.

At the insistence of certain correspondents I have written a book on the subject. The manuscript was completed some months ago, and is now in the hands of the B.N.A.P.S. Whilst the book is fairly inclusive, I cannot claim that it exhausts what is soon discovered to be a vast subject; indeed, I am already planning a series of articles dealing with points which would have made the book unwieldy and expensive.

With regard to types, I am still of opinion that there are only two main types, Jarrett's 372 (Type 1, with thin lines) and Jarrett's 373 (Type 2 with thick bars). All others are merely sub-types of 373, and I am convinced that collectors of these markings will agree to take this simple view. I am sure that Mr Garrett's classification (which he does not extend to its necessary and logical limits) will prove unnecessarily complex and confusing.

Mr. Garrett is hopelessly speculative in dealing with the railway cancellation QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL, No. 20. His conclusions, easily shown to be inaccurate, are based upon a curiously faulty reading of my TOPICS articles of December, 1951, and March, 1953; and as a result, one of the main arguments for his new and complex classification is rendered futile.

His claim that this cancellation must be considered as a Type 2 in his classification seems to be based on, and I quote: "Dr. Whitehead is overwhelmed (a curious word, this, Mr. Editor!) with the idea that this rail had only one hammer—"

May I ask you readers to turn to TOPICS, December, 1951, where on page 343 I write as follows:

"QUE. & CAMP. LOCAL"

"This is the Quebec & Campbellton run, 305 miles long—a run productive of many postal markings—

"I have found two (squared circle) hammers: No. 5, No. 20."

"No. 5—dates from 1897 (earlier dates may be known) to 1911."

"No. 20. This has a varied and bewildering history," which I then outline as far as my knowledge went at that time.

Mr. Editor, does that look as if I thought the rail had only one hammer? Actually, there were many other R.P.O. types in use on this busy and important run during the long period concerned, 1894 to 1911. No less than eleven contemporaries are listed by Shaw, some of which had two, three or four easily recognised hammers each, and there were at least two other contemporaries not listed by Shaw. Naturally in my 1951 article I was concerned with squared circles only and said nothing of the contemporaries, of which, I might say, I have a very considerable accumulation.

Mr. Garrett writes most usefully on the three chief squared circle hammers of Victoria, B.C. In my book this group is dealt with by Dr. Lorna Cooke, of London, England, who has had the great advantage of studying over 1000 strikes.

Other towns using two or more hammers are Halifax, N.S. (2); St. John, N.B., (3); Hull, Que., (2); Belleville, Ont., (3); Kingston, Ont., (2), Winnipeg (4). This corrects the

list given by me in TOPICS, December, 1951. I should indeed be grateful if collectors who have noted further examples of two or more squared circle hammers being used at one and the same town, would notify me.

Mr. Garrett does a very useful thing in pointing out that the indicia, especially the clerk's number placed above the date in several of the markings, are of no help in separating the hammers. The separation is effected only by noting the differences in size and placing of the letters of the town name, etc., and the characteristics of the several bars; the side-pieces are very useful here.

His remarks under the caption "Precancelled Or What?" are ingenious and of great interest. I am prepared to be convinced.

To sum up the States of QUE. & CAMP. M.C. LOCAL, No. 20:

State 1: A true Jarrett's 373, a squared circle with thick bars (Type 2).

State 2: The top and bottom bars each replaced by two thin bars. There is no possible doubt that this is the same hammer; the shape and position of each letter are identical in the two states, identity is further proved by the fact that both states show the characteristics of Jackson's third sub-variety, in which the inner circle cuts into both the top and bottom thick bars. The successive periods of use clinch the matter. The two states don't overlap.

State 3: "20" partially scratched out. Top and bottom bars as in State 2. This is Mr. Garrett's discovery and I congratulate him. A copy in my collection proves him correct.

State 4: Bottom thin line broken in the centre and "13" (large figures) placed therein. The illustration of this, Fig. 2, of my TOPICS article, March, 1953, is faulty. There is no No. 4; this was erroneously marked in by some person unknown to me, who strengthened the postmark for illustration purposes. Collectors: please note.

State 5: "13" removed; top and bottom lines as in State 4.

State 6: Both thin bars at the bottom show the middle section cut away.—Alfred Whitehead.

Wanted—Interesting items for P.S.

THE ROSS HOUSE

During the recent annual meetings of the Canadian Learned Societies in Winnipeg, approximately one hundred and twenty-five members of the Canadian Historical Society visited the Ross House and so many members of the Society wished to send letters or post-cards bearing the special Ross House cachet that there was a considerable delay in the official proceedings which occasioned the visit. At this time a plaque was unveiled to Alexander Ross, father of William Ross (the first postmaster in Red River). The senior Ross had been the first historian to record the events of the earliest days in Red River and the Hudson Bay Territory.

Early in June the television camera from the Winnipeg studios of the CBC visited the Ross House and the film taken was shown on the television news from CBWT, Winnipeg, three days after television had been inaugurated on the prairies.

Among the various articles acquired by the Ross House this year, there is an 1855 cover posted from the House in its first year of operation as a post office. This cover bears the manuscript marking in a circle, "Red River — B.N.A. — Nov. 10, 1855." B.N.A. is the abbreviation for British North America.

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Mostly About Plate Blocks

By "Scotia"

I acknowledge with thanks the considerable number of letters received in response to my June column. First to arrive was one from our esteemed Editor who is doing such a good job for Canadian philately; others were from Mr. C. H. Day of Saskatoon, Mr. F. E. Vincent of Vancouver, Mr. T. J. Viveash of Windsor, Mr. K. R. Pardy of Smiths Falls, Mr. A. K. Grimmer of Temiskaming, Mr. Paul Brown of Brockville, Col. S. S. Weatherbie of Carleton Place, Mr. James Stokes of Winnipeg, and Mr. E. J. McGrater of St. Catharines. All were much appreciated.

Mr. Brown brings up a good point in connection with early issues. He believes the Plate Block Group of BNAPS should undertake the identification of panes from examination of the imprint. He adds "Few collectors can afford to buy strips of 20 of, say, the Admirals. It should be possible for us to collect a plate block of 8 of these and be able to know whether it is the right or left pane. I think that it is the enormous cost of strips of 20 that prevents many from collecting the earlier issues." I agree entirely with Mr. Brown, and hope the Plate Block Group will take this on as their next task. Mr. Brown's collection of plate blocks is one of the best in Canada, and is constantly being added to. Two recent additions were plate blocks of 12 of the 1c yellow and 3c red imperforate George V. He says, "The latter makes a handsome item with engine turning." I am quite sure it does!

Referring to my June column, I note a reference to certain plates of the first Queen issue. The letter received by Major D. C. MacMillan from Ottawa re pl. 4 of the 3c is interesting. (Ed.—See elsewhere this issue). It reminds me of what happened with plate 6 of the 4c orange Revised. On a recent trip to Ottawa I found that plates 1 & 2 are only ones to be had of most of the first Queen issue. Plate 3 of the 5c is sold out, as I expected, and will be a good plate, I believe.

Can't resist a word about my trip to Ireland. It was indeed a memorable one. Fell in love with the land and the people. Any of the old timers who remember the poetry of "Moira O'Neill" will be glad to know that she is still living (she celebrated her 90th birthday in July.) Her son Mr. Charles Skrieve extended to me the fabulous hospitality of Ireland in his beautiful home, Ballyrankin House, at Ferns in County Wexford. I am proud indeed to claim relationship with such wonderful people.

In the north I spent a most enjoyable time at Lisburn at the home of Mr. Millar Allen, and found the hospitality no less warm. It was a privilege to see part of Mr. Allen's famous collection, and his even more famous collection of rare books and prints, which was left to him by his father.

Later I visited the Church at Carncastle near Lorne, where one of my ancestors was minister from 1731 till his death in 1775, and sat in the old farmhouse overlooking the Atlantic which my ancestors left in 1819 to come to Canada. Surely only hard necessity could have driven them to leave a land so lovely!

I must leave the subject before I get carried away! In closing I would like to say I hope to hear from more of my readers, as it certainly makes the task worth-while. And so farewell till next month.

A NEW NOVA SCOTIA STAR POSTMARK

By Frank W. Campbell

The article, illustrated, in December, 1953, Popular Stamps, of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick small serif postmarks that were issued in mid-1830 era, has resulted in one new city being found, to add to the list. It is Windsor * N.S. dated December 29, 1842.

A large block of correspondence of 1834 date had much of this group used on the covers, and being many now have been found dated 1834, starting with August dates, it is presumed the whole group were put into use at least as early as 1834, which is one year earlier than noted in my last December article.

Still others may be found, as I suspect Wallace and New Glasgow had postmarks as this furnished.

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

No Philatelic recognition was given the British Empire games at Vancouver, no attention by our P.M.G. either in stamps or catchets and cancellations. It would appear the P.O. department lost a great opportunity in evading this great event and not giving it some postal recognition. An athletic commemorative or short set of stamps would have enjoyed the sale of many thousands of stamps throughout the Empire and have given Canada some grand publicity. Why the discrimination? The Calgary Stampede was allowed special catchets and cancellations. It is the opinion of many that a wonderful opportunity to give Canada some fine publicity has been lost, and it is regretable.

Australia is a great philatelic country. I have just been reading a glowing account of some meetings by the Masonic Philatelic Society of Melbourne. They appear to be enthusiastic stamp collectors "down under" and this same enthusiasm seems general all over Australia. The new centenary of Western Australia the Black Swan reached me a few days ago and is certainly a fine commemorative and stately stamp, all collectors of Empire issues will go after it.

A letter from a dealer friend in London informs me the Queen issues of Nyassaland, Southern and Northern Rhodesia are sold out on the wholesale market and that these stamps are only obtainable from retail source. This run has been caused by the new Queen set of Rhodesia and Nyssaland Federation. The next country for our consideration is now obsolete with the new Queen issue on the way. It is not very often that general issues become obsolete in one short year.

In the A.P.S. monthly for July an instructive and interesting article of some length has been written up on the manufacture of paper by L.N. and M. Williams, it is fully illustrated and well worth retaining for future reference. Some of us know only too little about this intricate subject and the details connected with it. The article in its complete form has been put away in my collection of interesting philatelic subjects.

In the July edition of Liberty Mr. Alexander Barrie adds fuel to the fire in an article entitled "A shameful way to sell Canada." It is actually a repetition of criticisms which appeared in all philatelic journals at the time the Coronation stamp was issued here.

Prejudice plays no part in my appreciation of stamps other than Empire issues. A dealer showed me some new topical sets lately, a long issue of Flowers from Bulgaria and an insect and animal air mail set from Jugo Slavia. Topical collectors are in great abundance these days and it is not surprising when one sees so many of these colorful and interesting issues.

Some readers may be interested to know that the Coronation overprint issues of Great Britain of Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat and Tangier are exceptionally scarce and that prices for these stamps are climbing monthly. I understand these issues are not being quoted individually on the wholesale market.

Canada to the fore, you may all expect some decidedly upward changes in the new Scotts' this fall. I note in Gibbons of New York a great number of price increases in their new list of George 5th mint stamps. From all reports it appears that a large number of shortages exist in dealers stocks here and there is a scarcity of selected used 20th century stamps up to 1932.

A rule of mine is to read regularly in "Stamps" the contribution by Mr. F. E. Metcalfe of Commonwealth fame. He writes that the new catalog will appear sometime in the fall and that apart from the multitude of new issues to be added, the amount of price revision is considerably greater than normal.

So long everybody. Be seeing you next month all being well.

Mr. A. W. Stewart, Winnipeg, reports a constant variety in late printings of the 7c Goose stamps. The variety consists of hair lines through breast of the goose in stamps 9, 18. 32 and 40 of plate one. Two of the stamps show double hairlines. Probably cracks have developed in the plate.

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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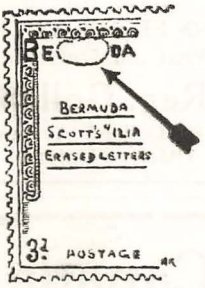
Sketch 353—Canada Scott's 276, 4c Princess showing extra hairs. From plate 2, the 81st stamp. Sent us by Mrs. A. H. Hope.



Sketch 354—Bermuda Scott's 121a with erased letters RMU in Bermuda. An exceptional oddity sent on cover by Mrs. W. B. Milne.

GETTING THE MAIL THROUGH

In the romances of the old West, one of the hardest ridin' characters who ever threw a leg over a nag was the pony express mailman. As he thundered over the range, crouched low in the saddle, dust billowing out behind him, he had no thought for himself or pony. "The mail must go through." That's all that mattered.

While the modern counterpart, in this mechanized age, is somewhat less romantic-appearing, it is currently exhibiting the same determination to see that the mail goes through. Because of a change in train schedules, the post office has announced, it is calling tenders to establish a motor vehicle service for mail between Edmonton and Calgary.

The road service has been made necessary by a Canadian Pacific Railway decision to cancel trains arriving in Edmonton in the morning and leaving here at noon, beginning July 1. Just as the pony express rider changed steeds as he tired each one out; so the Edmonton post office is about to "dismount" from the iron horse and soon will mount the modern "gasoline buggy" to maintain service in Alberta.

Under the new service, vehicles will leave Edmonton and Calgary at midnight and will pick up mail at points along the route. The mail will be delivered the next morning; and to meet an expected need for additional sorting staff, the post office has announced that it will increase its night shift by eleven employees.

The prompt action of postal authorities will be commended by residents and business concerns in both cities.—The Edmonton Journal.

JOINT MEETING AT RED DEER

Following along the lines of a very successful experiment last year, the Calgary Philatelic Society and Edmonton Stamp Collectors Club, plan a gathering at the Buffalo Hotel, Red Deer, at 3.00 p.m., Saturday, October 9th.

This year it is planned to have an exhibition of Calgary frames at 3.00 p.m, followed by a general get-together and trading. Dinner will be served at 6.30 p.m., followed by a philatelic talk by Mr. E. C. Powell of Edmonton, which in turn will be followed by an auction conducted by the Edmonton Club.

All local and Red Deer and vicinity collectors are cordially invited, and it is hoped, should sufficient local people attend, to start a club in Red Deer.

STAMP WEEK LABELS

On page one of this issue a cut of Canada's National Stamp Week label is shown. The label is quite attractive, being printed in two colours and widespread use will assist in the Stamp Week publicity campaign. Supplies are obtainable from Mr. Cyril Woodhead, 123 Albertus, Toronto 12, Ont., priced at 75c per 100.

No there is no issue of P.S. for months of July and August.

SOLD STAMPS BY THE TON

One of the pioneers of stamp collecting, a man who bought and sold postage stamps in tons and millions, died in Bournemouth at the end of a career which took him to all parts of the world.

It started last century when John Alfred Crace Wallace, then a boy of 18, went with his mining engineer uncle to Australia to prospect for gold. His uncle returned to England and left young Wallace in the Australian wilds. He gave him the money for his passage home—about £40—and told him he could either stay or return.

Soon after the boat had left, young Wallace was offered a fine collection of stamps. He cabled his uncle for the money to buy them, adding on a few pounds for his own profit. His uncle paid up and the stamps were sent on to the boat's next port of call.

Wallace made about £150 on the deal. That money, and the £40 his uncle had given him, set him up in business in Melbourne as the first stamp dealer in Australia.

He stayed there three years, then returned to England to establish the business of Wallace Bros., which was to become known throughout the world.

About 1905 he started buying stamps by the million. Soon his deals were so big that he had to open special warehouses.

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Mr. Wallace did not bother a great deal about rare stamps. He sold his lots to collectors by the pound and ton. If they found in them a stamp worth a lot of money that was their good fortune.

During the last war he suffered badly in the London blitz. His home was bombed, and the place in Chancery-lane—formerly Lloyd George's old vaults—where his most valuable stamps were stored was hit and blown up.

Mr. Wallace retired from business soon afterwards, taking with him to his new home at Banwell in Somerset, what was left of his millions of stamps.

The wholesale business which sent stamps to all corners of the globe is no more, but the three sons, Herbert and Albert, who run H. and A. Wallace, in London, and William, who carries on the family business name as Wallace Bros., in Bournemouth, may revive it.

Mr. Wallace, at one time, had a stock of 1,000 million stamps. To move them would need nearly 100 lorries. That was over 25 years ago. To-day no-one thinks in such numbers.

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RUBBER STAMPS

Among various rubber stamp notations placed on letters by post offices is one that came to us lately. A letter postmarked "Toronto" trailing the usual wavy lines of the cancelling lines shows where a stamp had been on the envelope but was now missing. Rubber stamped under the cancel was the words "Stamp fallen off at Toronto, Ont."

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FIRST Q.E. II PLATES

About the middle of July the plate block situation at the Agency for first Q.E. (1953) stamps was for the 1c pl. 3 out of 3 plates issued was sold out; for the 2c pls. 3, 4, 5, 6 out of 6 sold out;; 3c Nos. 3 and 4? gone; the 4c Nos. 2, 5, 6 gone; the 5c No. 3 out of 3 pls. issued was sold out.

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